

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

February 1, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM in Currell College Auditorium by Marcia Welsh, Chair.

I. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

IIA. Report of the President, President Palms:

1. The President discussed the University's reaction to the proposed 5% budget cut. In response to a question from Richard Conant (MUSC), the President expressed more optimism about our chances in the State Senate than in the House. An important step will be what the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee of the House proposes. We must persuade them that education is not just K-12, but also K-16.
2. President Palms has met with President Clinton as part of a representative group to discuss possible changes in Federal support for students.

IB. Report of the Provost, Provost Moeser:

1. The Provost restated the importance of what the President said about the budget. Groups of faculty have been meeting with local representatives to discuss the problem.
2. The Provost gave a demonstration of the audio-visual capabilities of the Currell College Auditorium. There will be further improvements in future renovations as the University learns what is needed. All designs will pass through the Instructional Development Committee. Rooms were equipped based upon previous equipment requests from Instructional Services. A typical large classroom will cost about \$100,000 or more.

II. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

IIA. Senate Steering Committee, J. L. Safko:

Marcia Welsh, Chair spoke on the importance of faculty action to stave off the 5% cut. Faculty were encouraged to release students to attend the rally at 1 PM on Feb. 8 at the State House. The faculty should also attempt to attend.

IIB. Grade Change Committee, John Lopiccolo, Chair: Report approved.

IIC. Curricula and Courses Committee, Mary Caldwell, Chair:

The following changes were made by the Committee before the report was submitted to the Senate:

page 8, -- I was withdrawn;
page 11,. A -- ... =PSYC 470] ...of adult language **processing** .;
page 11, B in SPAN 375 -- change description to match normal topics
description. Course is taught in Spanish;
page 11, D --...373, =LING 300] ...
The corrected Committee report was approved by the Senate.

III. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, J. L. Safko:

The minutes of the meeting of January 18, 1995 will be distributed at the next meeting. There will be a General Faculty meeting on April 3 at 2:30 PM in the Law School Auditorium to consider the proposed revision of tenure and promotion procedures and any other matters the faculty chooses to consider.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and NEW BUSINESS: None

V. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Charles Tucker (SOCY) reminded all faculty to carefully read and consider the proposed changes in tenure and promotion procedures. There is a proposal to permit the rules to be changed after you are hired and a change in the function of the UCTP. It is up to you to decide these matters.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilee Birchfield (Cooper Library) announced training sessions for using Gopher and the WorldWideWebb. Call 7-4267 for dates and times.